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Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group
Summary List of Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis

Draft Option #	Draft Policy Option Name	Straw Proposal Volunteers
CC-1	GHG Inventories, Forecasting, Reporting, and Registry	
CC-2	Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets	
CC-3	State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example)	
CC-4	Public Education and Outreach (Overlap with RCI-11 - Consumer education and professional training programs)	
CC-5	Tax and Cap Policies (Overlap with ES-X - GHG Cap-and-Trade)	
CC-7	Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts	
CC-8	Encourage the Creation of a Business-Oriented Organization to Share Information and Strategies, Recognize successes, and Support Aggressive GHG Reduction Goals	
CC-9	Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis	
CC-10	Facilitate the Development of an Effective Carbon Credit System for MN	
CC-11	Create a Market Advisory Group	

Sample Draft Policy Option Template

AFW-x Policies to Promote Ethanol Production

Policy Description

[Example: “Trees, crops and other plants convert atmospheric carbon to carbohydrate or fiber stocks that can be converted to liquid fuels, such as ethanol. The use of these renewable, biological fuels can offset fossil fuel use and reduce associated net carbon dioxide emissions. Production incentives for the conversion of crops, forest sources, animal waste and other sources to ethanol through existing or new technologies can increase the level of ethanol use in future markets.”]

Policy Design

Goals: [Draft based on inputs from volunteers for straw proposals and then moves proposed text to the full TWG for review/revision, then on to the MCCAG at the next meeting: e.g. “Several projects are being proposed in Vermont that would result in the production of x million gallons of ethanol annually in Vermont by 200x. Production incentives could increase this amount by x% beyond expected levels in 20xx, and x% by 20xx.

- **Timing:** Startup in 20xx and ramp up to higher levels in 20xx and 20xx, consistent with goals.
- **Parties Involved:** Suppliers of feedstocks, ethanol producers, and distributors. Associated agencies would include: xxx...
- **Other:** As needed, identify incentives that encourage the growing and supply of feedstocks and the utilization of ethanol in transportation markets across the state.”]

Implementation Mechanisms

TBD – [Draft based on TWG inputs; this can be developed as they go along, and can start early or late as they prefer; the level of detail can vary on TWG approval]

Related Policies/Programs in Place

TBD – [Draft to include any existing or planned programs or policies identified in the power point for the first MCCAG meeting, and add any that have since been identified as well as others that the TWG identifies going forward]

Types(s) of GHG Reductions

[List GHGs reduced...]

Estimated GHG Reductions and Net Costs or Cost Savings

TBD – [CCS should provide a worksheet and other reference material as needed for transparency]

- **Data Sources:** [TBD by CCS on TWG approval]
- **Quantification Methods:** [e.g. Full life-cycle analysis with supply/demand equilibrium adjustments on TWG approval]
- **Key Assumptions:** [TBD, as needed on TWG approval]

Key Uncertainties

TBD – [as needed and approved by the TWGs]

Additional Benefits and Costs

TBD – [as needed and approved by the TWGs]

Feasibility Issues

TBD – [as needed and approved by the TWGs]

Status of Group Approval

Pending – [until MCCAG moves to final agreement at meeting #5 or #6]

Level of Group Support

TBD – [blank until MCCAG meeting #5]

Barriers to Consensus

TBD – [blank until final vote by the MCCAG]